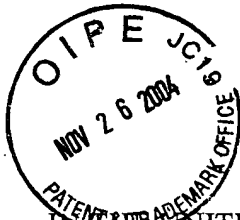


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Dear Sir:

The above-referenced application was filed on August 9, 2000. On December 4, 2001, a response was filed to a three month office action of September 5, 2001 as issued by the US Patent Office. On November 20, 2002 an IDS was filed and a supplemental IDS was submitted on October 29, 2004. To date, no further communication from your office concerning this application has been received.

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